

SENATE RESOLUTION 120—EX-
PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
SENATE ON THE OCCASION OF
THE DEATH OF MOTHER TERESA
OF CALCUTTA

Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MACK, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REID, Mr. DODD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERREY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 120

Whereas, the American people are greatly saddened by the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta;

Whereas, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, which now operates numerous orphanages, hospices, and other centers of charitable activity in the United States and around the world, offering compassionate care to those who are too often shunned by other institutions;

Whereas, Mother Teresa has been recognized as an outstanding humanitarian and has received: the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize (1971); the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding (1972); the Nobel Peace Prize (1979); the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1985); and the Congressional Gold Medal (1997);

Whereas, Mother Teresa became only the fifth person ever awarded honorary U.S. Citizenship (1996);

Whereas, Mother Teresa inspired people worldwide through her selfless actions and altruistic life;

Whereas, Mother Teresa embodied benevolence, compassion, and mercy and brought the face of God to humanity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1). Expresses our deep admiration and respect for the life and work of Mother Teresa, and extends to her missionaries of Charity our sympathy for the loss they share with the world;

(2). Recognizes that Mother Teresa's work improved the lives of millions of people in the United States and around the world, and her example inspired countless others;

(3). Encourages all Americans to reflect on how they might keep the spirit of Mother Teresa alive through their own efforts; and

(4). Designates September 13, 1997 as a National Day of Recognition for the humanitarian efforts of Mother Teresa and of those who have labored with her in service to the poor and afflicted of the world.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Calcutta, India, Mother Teresa's House of the Missionaries of Charity.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 1998

HARKIN (AND FEINGOLD)
AMENDMENT NO. 1123

Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1111 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill (S. 1061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of line 3 in the pending amendment insert the following: “: *Provided further*, That in carrying out its legislative mandate, the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare shall examine the role increased investments in health research can play in reducing future Medicare costs, and the potential for coordinating Medicare with cost-effective long-term care services”.

THE SMALL BUSINESS
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

BOND (AND KERRY) AMENDMENT
NO. 1124

Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1139) to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, as follows:

At the end of Section 201, insert the following:

“(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Section 7(m)(4)(E) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(4)(E)) is amended—

“(i) by inserting ‘(i)’ before ‘Each intermediary’.

“(2) by striking ‘15’ and inserting ‘25’.

“(3) by adding at the end of the paragraph, ‘(ii) The intermediary may expend up to 25% of the funds received under paragraph (1)(B)(ii) to enter third party contracts for the provision of technical assistance.’”

At the end of Section 504, insert the following new section:

“SEC. 505. ASSET SALES.—in connection with the Administration's implementation of a program to sell to the private sector loans and other assets held by the Administration, the Administration shall provide to the Committees on Small Business in the Senate and House of Representatives a copy of the draft and final plans describing the sale and the anticipated benefits resulting from such sale.”

On page 76, line 1, strike “Administration” and add the following: “the technical and environmental compliance assistance programs established in each state under section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970, or state pollution prevention programs.”.

On page 76, line 16, strike “regulations.” and insert the following paragraph: “regulation including cooperating with the technical and environmental compliance assistance programs established in each state under section 507 of the Clean Air Act

Amendments of 1970 or state pollution prevention programs in the provision of counseling and technology development to help small businesses find solutions for complying with environmental regulations.”.

On page 16, line 8, after “used” add the following “to provide intensive management, marketing and technical assistance as well as”.

At the appropriate place in the bill, add the following new section:

SEC. 506. SMALL BUSINESS EXPORT PROMOTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (Q), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (R) the following:

“(S) providing small business owners with access to a wide variety of export-related information by establishing on-line computer linkages between small business development centers and an international trade data information network with ties to the Export Assistance Center program.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 21(c)(3)(S) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)(S)), as added by this section, \$1,500,000 for each fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

On page 28, line 2, add the following new subsection:

“(E) COLLATERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Adequacy of collateral provided by the small business shall be one factor evaluated in the credit determination. Collateral provided by the small business concern generally will include a subordinate lien position on the property being financed, and additional collateral may be required in a case-by-case basis, as determined by the Administration.”

Strike out sections 411 through 418 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 411. CONTRACT BUNDLING.

Section 2 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j) In complying with the statement of congressional policy expressed in subsection (a), relating to fostering the participation of small business concerns in the contracting opportunities of the Government, each Federal agency, to the maximum extent practicable, shall—

“(1) comply with congressional intent to foster the participation of small business concerns as prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers;

“(2) structure its contracting requirements to facilitate competition by and among small business concerns, taking all reasonable steps to eliminate obstacles to their participation; and

“(3) avoid unnecessary and unjustified bundling of contract requirements that precludes small business participation in procurements as prime contractors.”.

SEC. 412. DEFINITION OF CONTRACT BUNDLING.

Section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(o) DEFINITIONS OF BUNDLING OF CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED TERMS.—In this Act—

“(1) The term ‘bundling of contract requirements’ means consolidating two or more procurement requirements for goods or services previously provided or performed under separate smaller contracts into a solicitation of offers for a single contract that is likely to be unsuitable for award to a small-business concern due to—

“(A) the diversity, size, or specialized nature of the elements of the performance specified;